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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) A method for increasing the participation of contributors that provide donations to an organization, the method comprising the steps of:
receiving either directly or indirectly a donation from a contributor;
assigning the donation to a delivery lot of cash, goods and/or services;
obtaining the location of the delivery lot at one or more points in time; and
providing the location of the delivery lot to the contributor.
2. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the receiving step includes receiving information related to the donation via the Internet.
3. (Original) A method according to claim 2 wherein the information includes a contributor's name.
4. (Original) A method according to claim 2 wherein the information includes a contributor's payment information.
5. (Original) A method according to claim 2 wherein the information includes a donation preference.
6. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the receiving step includes receiving information related to the donation via the phone.

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7. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the receiving step includes receiving information related to the donation via email.
8. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the cash, goods and/or services includes food.
9. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the cash, goods and/or services includes medicine.
10. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the cash, goods and/or services includes cash.
11. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the location of the delivery lot is provided in response to a request from the contributor.
12. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the location of the delivery lot is provided via a web site that is accessible by the contributor.
13. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the location of the delivery lot is automatically provided to the contributor at the one or more points in time.
14. (Original) A method according to claim 13 wherein the location of the delivery lot is provided to the contributor via e-mail.
15. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the delivery lot includes one type of cash, goods and/or services.

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16. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the delivery lot includes two or more types of cash, goods and/or services.

17. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein each donation is assigned to a unique delivery lot.

18. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein two or more donations are assigned to a common delivery lot.

19. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the obtaining step includes obtaining the location of each delivery lot at two or more points in time, each corresponding to a different location.

20. (Original) A method for increasing the participation of contributors that provide donations to an organization, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving either directly or indirectly two or more donations from two or more contributors;
assigning each donation to a delivery lot of cash, goods and/or services;
obtaining the location of each delivery lot at one or more points in time; and
providing the location of a delivery lot to one or more contributors, each contributor receiving the location of the delivery lots that correspond to the contributor's donations.

21. (Original) A method according to claim 20 wherein each donation is assigned a unique ID, and each contributor provides or selects the unique ID to receive the location of the corresponding delivery lot.

22. (Original) A method according to claim 21 wherein each contributor provides or selects the unique ID via a web site.

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23. (Original) A method according to claim 20 wherein the obtaining step includes obtaining the location of each delivery lot at two or more points in time, each corresponding to a different location.

24. (Original) A system for increasing the participation of contributors that provide donations to an organization, the system comprising:

- means for receiving either directly or indirectly a donation from a contributor;
- means for assigning the donation to a delivery lot of cash, goods and/or services;
- means for obtaining the location of the delivery lot at one or more points in time; and
- means for providing the location of the delivery lot to the contributor.

25. (Original) A method for increasing the participation of contributors that provide donations to an organization, the method comprising the steps of:

assigning selected donations to a common delivery lot for delivery to an ultimate destination;
and

reporting information relating to the delivery of the delivery lot to contributors whose donations have been assigned to the delivery lot.

26. (Original) A method according to claim 25 wherein the contributors include individuals.

27. (Original) A method according to claim 25 wherein the contributors include organizations with organization members.

28. (Original) A method according to claim 25 wherein information relating to the delivery of the delivery lot is reported to one or more members of the contributing organizations.

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29. (Original) A method according to claim 25 further comprising the step of:
providing a chat room so that the contributors that provided donations to a common delivery
lot can communicate with each other.

30. (Previously Presented) A method for increasing the participation of contributors that
provide donations to an organization, the method comprising the steps of:
displaying one or more delivery lots to a contributor that need to be funding;
accepting a selection of one or more of the available delivery lots by the contributor, and
accepting a donation thereto; and
sending a funded delivery lot once the delivery lot is fully funded.

31. (Original) A method according to claim 30 further comprising the step of:
obtaining location information for the funded delivery lot after the funded delivery lot is sent;
and
providing the location information to those contributors that provided donations to the funded
delivery lot.

32. (Original) A method for increasing the participation of contributors that provide
donations, wherein the donations are assigned to one or more delivery lots of cash, goods and/or
services, the method comprising:
obtaining the location of the delivery lot at one or more points in time; and
providing the location of the delivery lot either directly or indirectly to the contributor.